

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 8 (Canceled).

9. (New) A method of instructing and communicating a biblical doctrine of double imputation utilizing a balance beam scale apparatus and a cross having an attachment member, comprising the steps of;

placing a first object representing sin on one side of said balance beam scale apparatus, said first object having a first weight so that said balance beam scale apparatus becomes unbalanced toward said one side;

placing a second object representing good works on a second side of said balance beam scale apparatus opposing said one side, said second object having a second weight substantially less than said first weight so that said balance beam scale apparatus remains unbalanced toward said one side;

removing said second object from said second side to said one side;

placing a third object representing Christ's righteousness on said second side of said balance beam scale apparatus, said third object having a third weight that is substantially greater than the combined first and second weights, so that said balance beam is now unbalanced toward said second side; and

removing all objects from said one side of said balance beam scale apparatus and placing at least said first object onto said attachment member of said cross.

10. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein said step of placing a second object on said second side is repeated to represent multiple good works, said first weight remaining substantially greater than the combined said second weights on said second side so that said balance beam scale apparatus remains unbalanced toward said one side.

11. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein said step of removing all objects on said one side includes the step of:

removing all objects from said one side of said balance beam scale apparatus, but placing only said first object on said attachment member of said cross.

12. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein said step of removing all objects on said one side includes the step of:

removing all objects from said one side of said balance beam scale apparatus, and placing all of said objects from said one side of said balance beam scale apparatus on said attachment member of said cross.

13. (New) The method of Claim 9 wherein said first object is visibly identified as representing sin.

14. (New) The method of Claim 13 wherein said third object is visibly identified as representing Christ's righteousness.

15. (New) The method of Claim 14 wherein said first and third objects are labeled with the words sin and Christ's righteousness, respectively.
16. (New) The method of Claim 14 wherein said second object is a feather.
17. (New) The method of Claim 14 wherein said attachment member on said cross is a hook operable to receive said first and second objects.
18. (New) A method of instructing and communicating a biblical doctrine of double imputation utilizing a balance beam scale apparatus having a support member pivotally supporting a balance beam, and a cross having an attachment member, comprising the steps of;
- unbalancing said scale apparatus by supporting a first object representing sin on a first side of said balance beam, said first object having a first weight so that said balance beam becomes unbalanced toward said first side;
- demonstrating the effects of good works by placing a second object representing good works on a second side of said balance beam opposite said support member from first side, said second object having a second weight substantially less than said first weight so that said balance beam remains unbalanced toward said first side;
- representing the effect of imputing Christ's righteousness to a sinner by placing a third object representing Christ's righteousness on said second side of said balance beam, said third object having a third weight that is substantially greater than first weight, so that said balance beam is now unbalanced toward said second side; and

removing all objects from said first side of said balance beam scale apparatus and placing said first object onto said attachment member of said cross to reflect the imputation of human sins to Christ.

19. (New) The method of Claim 18 wherein said demonstrating step includes the placement of a plurality of said second objects on said first side to represent multiple good works, said first weight remaining substantially greater than the combined said second weights on said second side so that said balance beam remains unbalanced toward said first side.

20. (New) The method of Claim 19 further comprising the step of:
showing that good works sometimes have ulterior motives by moving at least one of said second objects from said second side to said first side.

21. (New) The method of Claim 18 wherein said step of removing all objects on said first side includes the step of:
removing all objects from said one side of said balance beam scale apparatus, and placing all of said objects from said one side of said balance beam scale apparatus on said attachment member of said cross.

22. (New) The method of Claim 18 wherein said step of removing all objects on said first side includes the step of:

removing all objects from said first side of said balance beam, and placing only said first object on said attachment member of said cross.

23. (New) Apparatus for instructing and communicating a biblical doctrine of double imputation, comprising:

a balance beam scale apparatus having a support member pivotally connecting a balance beam having a first side and a second side opposite of said support member from said first side, each of said first and second sides having a support member for supporting objects therefrom;

a cross having an attachment member;

a first object representing sin being supportable from said support member on said first side of said balance beam, said first object having a first weight;

a second object representing good works being selectively supportable on both said first and second sides, said second object having a second weight substantially less than said first weight such that said balance beam scale apparatus would be unbalanced toward said first side when said first object is supported on said first side and said second object is supported on said second side; and

a third object representing Christ's righteousness being supportable from said support member on said second side, said third object having a third weight that is substantially greater than the combined first and second weights, such that said balance beam would be unbalanced toward said second side when said first and second objects were supported from said first side and said third object was supported from said second side, said first and second objects being removable from said support member on said first side and supported from said attachment member on said cross.

24. The apparatus of Claim 23 wherein multiple second objects are supportable from said support member on said second side, the combined second weights of said multiple second objects being less than said first weight, said third weight being greater than the combined second weights of said multiple second objects added to said first weight.

25. The apparatus of Claim 24 wherein said second objects are formed from feathers.